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Bill Analysis

SB 1541 authorizes a person to operate a fully autonomous vehicle without a human driver provided that the automated driving system is engaged, and the vehicle meets certain conditions outlined in the measure. Prior to operating the vehicle, the person must submit a law enforcement interaction plan to the Department of Public Safety that shows law enforcement how to communicate with a fleet support specialist who is available during the times the vehicle is in operation, how to safely remove the vehicle from the roadway, how to recognize whether the vehicle is in autonomous mode, and any additional information the manufacturer or owner deems necessary. Such persons must also submit proof of that the vehicle is insured. If there is an accident involving the vehicle, it must remain at the scene of the accident and the owner must report the accident. The measure also authorizes the use of on demand autonomous vehicles, provided, the use of such a vehicle does not contradict the provisions of the Oklahoma Transportation Network Company Service Act. Commercial vehicles may be used as well. Fully autonomous vehicles must be properly registered in accordance with the Oklahoma Vehicle Licensing and Registration Act. The measure clarifies that the automated system piloting the vehicle shall be considered the driver for the purpose of assessing compliance with applicable traffic or motor vehicle laws.

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